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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 31ST UNGA: CORE GROUP MEETING JULY 1

REF: (A) USUN 2742 (NOTAL), (B) STATE 163692 (NOTAL),
(C) SEOUL 4994 (NOTAL), (D) USUN 2664, (3) USUN 2593,
(F) USUN 2360

1. SUMMARY: KOREA CORE GROUP MET AT WORKING-LEVEL JULY 1
FROM 10:30 AM UNTIL 1:30 PM UNDER ROK CHAIRMANSHIP AT FRG
MISSION. ALL MEMBERS REPRESENTED.
CORE GROUP REFINED TEXT OF DRAFT CONTINGENCY RESOLUTION
FOR USE IN SEEKING PRIORITY WHICH WAS DRAWN UP AT CORE GROUP
MEETING JUNE 24 (REF D). U.S. INFORMED CORE GROUP OF DECISION
TO RESTATE PUBLICLY OUR SEPTEMBER 22, 1975 PROPOSAL FOR A
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CONFERENCE BEFORE OPEING OF NONALIGNED SUMMIT (REF B). REGARDING

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PRIORITY FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION, U.S. SAID WE CONTINUE TO
BELIEVE IT IS IN OUR INTEREST TO AVOID BEING CHARGED BY U.N.
MEMBERSHIP OF FORCING UNGA DEBATE BY INTRODUCING RESOLUTION
FIRST. NEXT MEETING OF CORE GROUP SCHEDULED FOR JULY8.
END SUMMARY.

2. CORE GROUP REFINED TEXT OF DRAFT CONTINGENCY RESOLUTION FOR
USE IN SEEKING PRIORITY WHICH WAS DRAWN UP AT CORE GROUP
MEETING JUNE 24 (REF D). (ROK UNDER SEOUL'S INSTRUCTIONS
DID NOT REPEAT NOT INTRODUCE TEXT REPORTED (REF C).) TEXT
WHICH EMERGED (UNCHANGED IN PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPHS) FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT (OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS ONLY)

1. DECLARES THAT IN THE INTEREST OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE THE
HIGHEST PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
CONDITIONS WHICH WILL LEAD TO NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND A
LASTING PEACE IN KOREA IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE ITS REUNIFICATION;

2. CALLS UPON THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH OF KOREA TO RESUME
PROMPTLY THEIR DIALOGUE IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE BY NEGOTIATION
THE SELLEMENT OF THEIR OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS;

3. URGES THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH OF KOREA AND THE OTHER
PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED TO ENTER INTO EARLY NEGOTIATIONS IN
ORDER TO AGREE ON ARRANGMENTS WHICH WILL ENABLE THE U.N.
COMMAND TO BE DISSOLVED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE INCLUDING THE
ADAPTATION OR REPLACEMENT OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT;

4. CALLS UPON ALL CONCERNED TO EXERCISE THE UTMOST
RESTRAINT SO AS TO CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE CONDUCIVE TO PEACE
AND DIALOGUE. END TEXT

3. US INFORMED CORE GROUP OF DECISION TO RESTATE PUBLICLY
OUR SEPTEMBER 22, 1975 PROPOSAL BEFORE OPENING OF NON-
ALIGNED SUMMIT AUGUST 16. PURSUANT INSTRUCTIONS (REF B AND
TELEPHONIC) IT STATED:

A) WE WILL REITERATE ON BEHALF OF OURSELVES AND THE ROK OUR
1975 PROPOSALS AND WILL DO SO IN ADVANCE OF THE NAC-COLOMBO.
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B) WE GREATLY APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS MADE BY CORE GROUP AS TO
FORM OF THE RESTATEMENT ALTHOUGH, AS WE NOTED IN LAST CORE
GROUP, WE BELIEVE THAT STRAIGHTFORWARD REITERATION OF WHAT WE
REGARD AS BASIC, FORTHCOMING PROPOSALS WOULD BE MOST
APPROPRIATE.

C) HOW WE HANDLE THE RESTATEMENT IN TERMS OF EXACT TIMING AND

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MANNER HAS NOT BEEN DECIDED. WE WILL KEEP GROUP INFORMED.

4. CANADA ASKED IF THERE WAS NO RESPONSE TO OUR PROPOSAL FOR A CONFERENCE LAST YEAR, WAS ONE MORE LIKELY THIS YEAR? UK FELT WE MIGHT LOSE ADVANTAGE IF OUR INITIATIVE WAS NOT STRONG. CANADA SAID IF OUR SIDE MERELY RESTATED WHAT IT HAD SAID BEFORE IT MIGHT NOT ATTRACT NEW SUPPORT.

5. ROK CONSIDERED RESTATEMENT OF PROPOSAL A PRACTICAL COURSE. IT ADDED THAT ALL THE IDEAS PUR FORWARD IN CORE GROUP WERE WORTHY OF FURTHER STUDY. ROK SAID, HOWEVER, THAT COMPLEXITY OF RESEARCHING POSSIBLE IMPLEMENTATION OF SOME SUGGESTIONS STEMMING FROM CAPITALS REGARDING, FOR INSTANCE, GREATER ROLE FOR NNSC AND ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL OBSERVER FORCE (REFS E & F) MADE THEM DIFFICULT TO INCLUDE IN OUR SIDE'S PROPOSAL GIVEN LIMITED TIME AT HAND. ROK EMPHASIZED, THOUGH, THAT IT CONSIDERED THESE PROPOSALS SYMPATHETICALLY. ROK WENT ON TO SAY THAT RESTATEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 22, 1975 PROPOSAL COULD LEAD TO QUITE A FAVORABLE REACTION, BECAUSE MANY OF NONALIGNED WOULD ALREADY HAVE FORGOTTEN WHAT WAS SAID IN PROPOSAL LAST YEAR.

6. US, AFTER READING ALOUND SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SEPTEMBER 1975 PROPOSAL (TEXT IN PARA 15 BELOW), POINTED OUT THAT PROPOSAL WAS MADE BEFORE 1975 UNGA DEBATE ON KOREAN QUESTION HAD REFEALED TO ONE AND ALL "LIMITED SOVEREIGNTY" ASPECT OF HOSTILE POSITION TOWARD ROK. THERE WAS EVIDENCE THAT THIS ASPECT HAD NOT BEEN REGARDED FAVORABLY BY MANY OF NONALIGNED. ADDITIONALLY, OUR SIDE HAD BEEN LOBBYING STEADILY IN RECENT MONTHS TO EMPHASIZE KEY IMPORTANCE OF INSURING ROK ROLE OF FULL PARTICIPANT IN ANY NEGOTIATIONS ON PENINSULA'S FUTURE. HENCE, WITH NONALIGNED BETTER INFORMED ON SITUATION, IMPACT OF PROPOSAL COULD BE GREATER NOW.

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7. CANADA AND UK AGREED THAT THIS WAS VALID CONSIDERATION. US ADDED THAT PROPOSAL INCORPORATED CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF ASPECTS SET FORTH AS DESIRABLE BY CORE GROUP MEMBERS (REF F).

8. NEW ZEALAND WONDERED WHETHER WORDING OF PROPOSAL WOULD BE THE SAME AS IN 1975 OR WHETHER VARIATIONS OF LANGUAGE MIGHT BE DEVELOPED TO GIVE PROPOSAL SOMEWHAT NEW FLAVOR AND TO CONVEY POSSIBILITY MORE STRONGLY THAT CONFERENCE COULD LEAD TO THE LASTING SOLUTION TO WHICH WELLINGTON HAD ATTACHED MUCH IMPORTANCE IN ITS PROPOSAL (REF E).

9. NETHERLANDS READ FROM INSTRUCTION RECEIVED JULY 1 THAT THE HAGUE FELT INVITATION SHOULD BE A REPEAT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S 1975 PROPOSAL. THE HAGUE BELIEVED THAT NEW ELEMENTS SHOULD NOT BE INSERTED FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES BECAUSE IT BELIEVED

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INVITATION SHOULD BE A SERIOUS PROPOSITION. ADDITIONALLY, THE HAGUE HAD HESITATION ABOUT SEEKING PRIORITY FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION.

10. AFTER MEETING, JAPAN SAID THAT, IF PROPOSAL SATISFACTORY TO ROK, IT BELIEVED IT WOULD BE SATISFACTORY TO JAPAN.

11. WHEN BELGIUM, WHICH EXPRESSED SELF IN FAVOR OF PRIORITY, ASKED HOW US REGARDED QUESTION OF PRIORITY, US PUT FORWARD POSITION SET FORTH IN PARA 4, REF B. QUOTE: WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE IT IS IN OUR INTEREST TO AVOID BEING CHARGED BY UN MEMBERSHIP OF FORCING UNGA DEBATE BY INTRODUCING RESOLUTION FIRST AND WE WOULD WISH TO BE IN POSITION OF HAVING EXPLORED POSSIBITIES WITH ASEANS, SWEDES AND OTHERS OF AVOIDING CONFRONTATION (IF ONLY AS TACTICAL MOVE) BEFORE TAKING DECISION ON PRIORITY. WE ALSO BELIEVE CORE GROUP SHOULD GIVE THOUGHT TO WHETHER FAILURE TO SEEK PRIORITY WOULD IN ANY WAY JEOPARDIZE OUR CHANCES OF INSCRIBING FRIENDLY ITEM ON AGENDA AFTER A PRO-NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION WERE SUBMITTED OR OF GETTING A VOTE IN FIRST COMMITTEE ON OUR DRAFT. COMPOSITION OF GENERAL COMMITTEE OBVIOUSLY IMPORTANT IN FORMER REGARD. END QUOTE.

12. UK AND CANADA TENDED TO AGREE WITH US, COMMENTING THAT, IN ABSENCE OF POLITICAL INITIATIVE CONTAINING EXPLOITABLE NEW ELEMENTS, ADVANTAGE OF PRIORITY WAS LESSENED. JAPAN AND COSTA RICA INDICATED TO US PRIVATELY SUPPORT FOR OUR POSITION OF NOT
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13. ROK DID NOT SPEAK OF PRIORITY AT MEETING, BUT AFTERWARD EXPRESSED FEAR TO US THAT FAILURE TO GET PRIORITY FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION COULD LEAD TO BLOCKING MOTION BY HOSTILE SIDE. US REEMPHASIZED THAT THIS WAS MATTER TO WHICH CORE GROUP WOULD NEED TO GIVE FURTHER ATTENTION. WITH REGARD TO GENERAL COMMITTEE, ROK COMMENTED THAT EMERGING COMPOSITION BETTER THAN LAST YEARS. WE THEN REVIEWED GENERAL COMMITTEE'S EMERGING COMPOSITION WITH ROK:

A) UNGA PRESIDENT: SRI LANDA

B) UNGA VICE PRESIDENTS (17)

(I) PERMANENT MEMBERS OF UNSC (5): US, FRANCE, UK, USSR, CHINA;
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(II) EASTERN EUROPE (1): GDR;

(III) WEO (2): AUSTRALIA, DENMARK, TURKEY, FINALDN (FINLAND WILL WITHDRAW CANDIDACY IF ELECTED TO CHAIRMANSHIP OF SIXTH COMMITTEE);

(IV) LATIN AMERICA (3): DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, NICARAGUA PANAMA;

(V) ASIA (2): JAPAN, OMAN, DEMOCRATIC YEMEN;

(VI) AFRICA (4): CHAD, GUINEA, SENEGAL, SUDAN.

C) COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN (7)

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I COMMITTEE: POLAND;

SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE: LESOTHO;

II COMMITTEE: BOLIVIA, UGNADA ?;

III COMMITTEE: FRG

IV COMMITTEE: ?;

V COMMITTEE: KUWAIT

VI COMMITTEE: FINLAND, PHILIPPINES.

14. ROK CHAIRMAN SET NEXT MEETING OF CORE GROUP FOR THURSDAY, JULY 8, AT WHICH TIME DRAFT EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM FOR DRAFT PRIORITY CONTINGENCY RESOLUTION WOULD BE TAKEN UP. US POINTED OUT DESIRABILITY OF HAVING SIMPLE, BRIEF, NON-CONFRONTATIONAL MEMORANDUM WHICH WOULD BE ATTRACTIVE TO UN MEMBERS. IT AGREED TO TRY HAND AT ONE AND SUBMITS FOLLOWING TEXT FOR DEAPRTMENT'S COMMENT:

BEGIN QUOTE

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THIRTY-FIRST SESSION

REQUEST FOR THE INCLUDION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM
IN THE AGENDA OF THE THIRTY-FIRST SESSION

RESUMPTION OF THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND
THE NORTH OF KOREA

LETTER DATED 1976 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVES
OF
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL

WE HAVE THE HONOR TO REQUEST THE INCLUSION IN THE AGENDA OF THE THIRTY-FIRST SESSION OF AN ITEM ENTITLED "RESUMPTION OF THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH OF KOREA." THIS REQUEST IS SUBMITTED UNDER RULE 15 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

AN EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM AND A DRAFT RESOLUTION ARE ATTACHED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 20 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE.

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ANNEX I

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

THE KOREAN PEOPLE WANT PEACE, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, AND REUNIFICATION. THE FUNDAMENTAL BASIS FOR MAKING PROGRESS TOWARD THESE GOALS IS THE RESUMPTION OF DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH OF KOREA. THEY HAVE THEMSELVES AGREED ON THE IMPERATIVE NECESSITY OF DIALOGUE IN THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE WHICH THEY ISSUED ON 4 JULY 1972, AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY GAVE ITS FULL SUPPORT TO THIS DIALOGUE IN THE CONSENSUS STATEMENT OF 28 NOVEMBER 1973.

WE BELIEVE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHOULD AGAIN LEND ITS AUTHORITY TO THE CONTINUATION OF DIALOGUE. THE ASSEMBLY SHOULD ENCOURAGE ALL CONCERNED TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO FACILITIATE THE RESUMPTION OF TALKS AND THE NEGOTIATION OF CONFIDENTIAL

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MORE MODERN ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE IN THE KOREAN PENINSULA.

ANNEX II

DRAFT RESOLUTION

... END QUOTE

15. TEXT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SEPTEMBER 22, 1975 PROPOSAL FOR A CONFERENCE RELATED TO KOREA FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE STATED THEIR GENERAL READINESS TO MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OTHER SIDE AND WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO DISCUSS TERMINATION OF THE U.N. COMMAND WHILE PRESERVING THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT.

TODAY I CAN BE MORE SPECIFIC. THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, LOOKING FORWARD TO THE TIME WHEN A LASTING SOLUTION OF THE KOREAN PROBLEM CAN BE ACHIEVED, ARE HEREWITH PROPOSING TO THE PARTIES OF THE ARMISTICE THE CONVENING OF A CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS WAYS TO PRESERVE THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. AT SUCH A MEETING, WE WOULD ALSO BE PREPARED TO EXPLORE OTHER MEASURES TO REDUCE TENSION ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA, INCLUDING THE POSSIBLITY OF A LARGER CONFERENCE TO NEGOTIATE A MORE FUNDAMENTAL ARRANGEMENT.

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